

NOW IN THE SADDLE

The Republicans Take Formal Possession

MAYOR STUART'S INAUGURAL

His Nominations and Appointment of Committees—No President Elected. Miscellaneous Business.

L. H. WITHEY, member board of fire and police.
 SIMON L. ROZEMA, city physician.
 SAMUEL WITKINS, cemetery commissioner.
 GEORGE G. VENEWA, highway commissioner, Second district.
 Standing Committee.
 Ways and Means—Anderson, Turner, Teachout.
 Claims and Accounts—Stein, Jacobs, Emmer.
 Streets—Ball, Gervais, Wurzburg, Saunders, Jacobs, Campbell.
 Health—Wurzburg, Gilden, Geson.
 Fire Department—Mills, Harper, Gezon.
 Sewers—Emmer, DeGraaf, Saunders.
 Buildings—Dregge, Stein, DeGraaf.
 Poor—Dunton, Gervais, Golden.
 Parks—Turner, Conger, Teachout.
 Ordinances—Conger, Hauser, Harper.
 Lamps—Frost, Damskey, Ball.
 Bridges—Mahoney, Campbell, Mills.
 Sidewalks—Kinney, Frost, Damskey.
 Licenses—Hauser, Dunton, Mahoney.
 Charter Amendments—Saunders, Conger, Kinney, Dregge, Anderson.
 Rules—Conger, Gervais, Turner.

Smiling face, warm congratulations, beautiful flowers, proud matrons and their pretty daughters, flags, bunting, and a universal spirit of jollity do not usually characterize the meeting of the aldermen of Grand Rapids' council. Last night, however, the council chamber and the mayor's rooms were brilliant with all these adjuncts. Custodian Brenner had especially exerted himself to make the inaugural night brilliant in so far as he could. The mantels, desks and table of the chamber were loaded with blooming foliage plants, and above the dais were draped numerous national flags and red, white and blue bunting. The aldermen wore buttonholes of rare flowers, and on Mayor Stuart's desk was a magnificent basket of red and white roses. The chamber was crowded to its utmost capacity, the throng of spectators extending in long lines out through the corridors and committee rooms.

It was just 8:45 o'clock when Mayor Stuart ascended the dais, amid a round of applause, rapped twice with the gavel and said, "The council will please come to order; the clerk will please call the roll."

Every one of the twenty-four aldermen answered to his name except Alderman Jacobs.

Alderman Conger then moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a set of rules for the guidance of the new council, and that until such committee report the new council should be governed by the rules of the old body. Adopted.

Moved by Alderman Conger that the council hear the mayor's message. Adopted.

The mayor's message was as follows: GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL—I congratulate you on having been chosen to manage and conduct the affairs of this large and progressive city. Its various officers have, within the past week, filed complete and exhaustive reports of the condition of the various departments of the city government, which enable us, who are now just entering upon our duties, to judge of the vast importance of the business interests entrusted to our care.

Progress.
 It cannot be denied that the past year has been one of great progress and activity. If we are to judge by the amount of work done, and of money raised and expended, and if it is not my purpose, during my term of office, to check the wheels of progress or retard any healthy activity that will tend to keep this city at the head of the procession, but only to try and avoid extravagance and needless expenditure, and keep within the bounds of our ability to pay as we go, and so as not to be too great a burden upon the people, for while we exist in the progress made and the many public improvements carried on, a careful examination of the financial condition of the city must cause some anxiety and demands our serious attention at once.

Finances.
 Through various causes we are welcomed to what is practically a barren treasury, notwithstanding apparent abundance.

We find a deficit:
 In the general fund, \$10,136.47
 In the contingent fund, 9,119.30
 In highway funds, 2,250.01
 In park funds, 3,966.18
 In police headquarters fund, 9,831.99
 In fire department fund, 2,071.62
 City ward engine house fund, 736.32

Total amount overdrawn, \$37,112.43
 And the small amount remaining to the credit of the poor fund indicates a possible exhaustion of that fund, in advance of replenishment from the avails of taxation, though taxes begin to come in several months earlier than formerly, and from certain passages in the financial year of my worthy predecessor one year ago, I gather that a chronic depletion has been the normal condition of this fund for several years.

Remedies Must Be Devised.
 Such woe-worn want as we find in these various funds is liable to be construed on the product of willful waste, and we must devise some means to correct at the earliest possible moment, this annual condition which is annually growing worse. Good faith towards those who shall become our successors in office demands that we make provision for every expenditure, and the necessity of which can be ascertained by foresight, and that such provision should be made as to reach not only up to the expiration of our term of office, but into our successors' term far enough to fit and meet the occasion for

new revenue, so that obligations will not become due with no money which we can rightly use to pay them. And if this cannot be done within the limit of taxation allowed by law, or our ability to pay within any one year, we should reduce expenses if possible and where possible at least until we can catch up.

Police Headquarters.
 To illustrate—the new police headquarters building will be completed during this year and must be paid for. The contract price is \$60,734.00. The price for inside work, heating, extras, etc., is \$2,271.34.

Total, \$69,005.34
 We had in the treasury of this fund from a former appropriation \$20,000, and yet only \$7000 was put into the tax budget for the past year, which will leave us short \$22,005.34, which must be paid and for which we must thin around and rob other funds till we can be raised by taxation. Besides, as soon as the building is completed it must be furnished at an expense of \$4000.53, for which no provision has been made except that it be paid out of the general fund.

Economy and Caution Urged.
 The first relief to the depleted fund that we can get will be from the collection of the liquor tax and the license, and I urge upon the ways and means and the license committees to see that these taxes are collected promptly, and even these may not suffice till the general taxes commence to come in.

While we strain every nerve to increase the city's income, it is also our duty to exercise a rigid inspection over its outgo. Much of this is in the nature of fixed charges that we cannot reduce. Annual interest on the several water works loans amounts to upwards of \$60,000 on a debt of nearly \$1,000,000. On the city hall loan of \$150,000, the interest is \$7500 per annum.

And on bonds issued for local improvements, to the amount of \$2,000,000, the interest is \$10,000 annually, of which principal sum one-fourth (\$500,000), matures August 1, 1892. The indebtedness incurred for school purposes of nearly \$300,000 involves an annual interest charge of over \$14,000. Expenditure for police and fire protection cannot well be reduced in a growing city like this.

These heavy items I have briefly indicated, and on which little or no reduction can be effected, make it all the more incumbent upon us to practice strict economy whenever opportunity offers.

Causes of Deficiency.
 The condition in which we find the treasury and the large amount of money necessary to be raised each year by general taxation is due in some degree to the method, or lack of method, in which in some directions the business of the city has for many years been conducted till it has become almost an established custom. The rule has prevailed in this city for a long time that the fund necessary to pay for opening and grading and paving streets and building sewers and such local public improvements should be raised by special assessments upon the adjacent benefited property. A considerable expense, however, is often incurred in such improvements, in the way of preliminary work in establishing grade lines, in making profiles, plans and estimates of costs, etc., all of which expense has to be paid at first out of funds raised by general taxation, but which should in all cases be included in the assessed expense of such improvement and returned to the fund out of which it had been paid, and I recommend that the committee on ways and means see to it that in addition to the contract price for every local improvement, there shall be included in its assessed expense an adequate sum for which incidentals and preliminary work, and when collected that it be returned to the fund from which it was taken and not be lost sight of and frittered away on extras.

Evil of Tax Title Purchases.
 Again, when local assessments of the character above mentioned are not paid and the property is sold for the tax, if it is bid in by the city then the amount of the tax is paid out of the general fund, and the tax title is carried by the whole city, and in thousands of dollars are raised every year by general taxation and paid out to finish up local assessments. And worse yet, no farther attention is devoted to getting back the money paid for the tax title, either by trying to hunt up the owner and attempting to collect, or by selling it or by taking possession of the property and using it. But we simply wait for something to turn up, and today the city is carrying tax titles to the amount of \$29,282.33 without adding anything for interest, which, if we could realize would go far to help us out of our difficulty, and I recommend that this matter be referred to a committee together with the city attorney to devise some means to unload this incubus and to speedily dispose of such titles in the future. The comptroller will furnish a complete detailed statement of these various tax titles which will be of great service if any action is taken.

This drain from funds raised by general tax into special funds for local improvements must be stopped. No advance or transfer from one fund to another should be made or tolerated, unless the same be surrounded with safeguards sufficient to insure its prompt and complete restitution. Checks on Overdrafts.
 The charter, title 10, section 10, page 129, provides for dividing the revenues of the city into nine funds (naming them) and tenth, provides for "such other funds as the common council may constitute for special purposes, not inconsistent with, or to be taken from any of the funds above constituted, and the common council are especially prohibited from transferring any money whatever from any of the funds above constituted or raised to any special fund, except for the purpose expressly stated."

Again, title 4, section 11, page 53 of the charter provides that, after each session of the common council, at which any claims or demands against the city have been duly allowed, the clerk and comptroller shall draw a warrant or check on the city treasurer for the aggregate sum of all claims and demands against said city, allowed as aforesaid, "provided, however, that no item or items of such claims or demands, for the payment of which there are not sufficient funds in the treasury, out of which they may be lawfully paid to meet the same, be included in such aggregate or in such warrant or check."

The park fund, the police headquarters building fund, and Madison avenue fund.

TIME DIMS IT NOT

The Love of Twenty-Five Years Ago Joyously Renewed

THE PRETTY SILVER WEDDING

Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ketchum Yesterday—Susan B. Anthony's Presence Honors the Occasion.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Smith G. Ketchum and wife, Mrs. Emily Burton Ketchum, celebrated their silver anniversary with a large reception. Four hundred invitations were issued and many were present from out of the city, including the Hon. Susan B. Anthony, who came to help her friends observe their anniversary. The residence was adorned with roses, clusters of which hung to the lace draperies of the windows and shed their fragrance from many a nook and corner. Snail-lax fringed the chandeliers and draped the dining-room table, upon which resposed a centerpiece of pink and cream roses. A band of silver gray ribbon marked the space reserved for the guests during the serving of refreshments. Snow white cake and ice cream were dispensed by a bevy of sweet young ladies in exquisite gowns. There was a large attendance in the afternoon and the occasion was marked by a happy informality. Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum were assisted in receiving by Miss Anthony, Mrs. Robert W. Merrill, "Aunt" Harriet Burton, Mrs. Helen E. Jenkins of Detroit and Mrs. Martha E. Root of Bay City. In the parlors and dining-room the following young ladies assisted: Misses Nettie McKee, Emma Searles, Gusie Hillyer, Allie Lobdell, Charlotte Watson, Carrie Goodrich, Mattie Brown and Lita Devendorf of Lansing.

Elegant Dresses Worn.
 Mrs. Ketchum wore a gown of silver gray with roses and was as fair a bride as on the day of her wedding. Mrs. Merrill wore black silk, decollete, trimmed with blue and cut steel. Miss Anthony wore a magnificent trained gown of dark maroon velvet with a fichu of rare old point lace. She made a striking picture with her rich dark gown and lace, her noble face showing but little trace of the honorable warfare in which she has spent many years. She is tall of figure and every motion is indicative of not only mental alertness but of womanly grace as well. Mrs. Jenkins wore black lace, and the gowns of the young ladies were as follows: Miss McKee, lemon colored silk, trimmed with yellow chrysanthemums decollete. Miss Searles, white crepon with white ribbons. Miss Hillyer, Josephine gown of figured chalice with blue ribbons. Miss Lobdell, white brilliantine. Miss Watson, pink wool with pink ribbons. Miss Goodrich, pearl gray crepe with chiffon. Miss Devendorf, Josephine gown of figured china silk. Miss Brown, tan colored gown with lace the same shade.

Beautiful Souvenirs.
 Miss Brown distributed among the guests beautiful souvenirs of the occasion in the form of a booklet containing a portrait of Miss Anthony, together with a poem suitable to the occasion written in loving remembrance by Mrs. Martha E. Root of Bay City, who was present and who recited the lines in a most effective manner. H. E. Root of Bay City was among the guests, and Mrs. Ketchum's only sister, Mrs. Mary Herrenden, came on from her home at Manchester, N. Y., to participate in the festivities. Other guests from out of the city in addition to those already mentioned were: Mr. and Mrs. James Decatur of Hudsonville, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Nages of Bay City. Though the fact that the occasion was a nuptial anniversary had been suppressed until the hour, a few intimate friends remembered the day by sending choice gifts of solid silverware and other articles. These gifts were from Chicago, Waterbury, Ct., Washington and Bay City. From the latter place came an elaborately embroidered lunch cloth with these lines:

"With this little gift I send you love and kindly greeting, wishing you upon this pleasant occasion joy, happiness in fullest measure, and may this be but one of many days which shall show to you much of their sunny side, with their shadows only as fading, vanishing ray, lending pearly background to blessings hung like garlands all around. With the dear friends present be happy, kindly remembering this absent one as your loving co-worker for the fulfillment of that most glorious prophecy of the ages, equal rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities for the sons and daughters of men."

"Ever your friend,
 "MARY L. DOR."

To the Strains of Music.

The hours of the afternoon reception were from 2 o'clock until 5. During that time a harp and mandolin orchestra discoursed sweet music. An evening reception was also held, the music being given by a harp and banjo orchestra. In the evening also Mrs. Merrill sang some of her sweetest songs, and Mrs. Root again recited the poem. There was a large attendance.

In conversation with a reporter for THE HERALD, Miss Anthony, who is a resident of the National Equal Suffrage association, said:

"Times have changed much for women. Now they are in all walks of life, whereas formerly few opportunities were given them. No woman ever dared speak even in a temperance meeting until recently. Why, I well remember in '21 I rose to speak in a teachers' meeting, being a teacher myself, and was hissed and derided. Everyone wanted to know who that dreadful, bold creature was who presumed to speak like a man. The woman movement is showing a remarkable development. This is largely owing to the prevalence of women's clubs all of which really have their origin in the equal rights sentiment. Right here in Michigan the lead is being taken in the number and effectiveness of women's clubs. I suppose this is owing to the efforts of Mrs. L. H. Stone of Kalamazoo who has established many literary and library clubs. Women are only now beginning to work for themselves. They used to work for their fathers and their husbands, now they are working more for themselves, and are finding an adaptability for diversified lines of work."

Miss Anthony will leave today for

Battle Creek, where she goes to attend the state convention of the Equal Suffrage association. Mrs. Ketchum, Mrs. Julie A. Stone, Mrs. Mary G. Pearson, Mrs. Mary Edison, Mrs. Margaret Parsons and others will also attend.

OLD MURDER MYSTERY.

Story that a Woman Now in Chicago Was Concerned in a Crime.

CINCINNATI, May 2.—An investigation is being made of a story told by Mrs. Jennie Britton, a respectable colored woman, who resides near Mainville. In the village store a few nights ago hearing the recital of a recent brutal and mysterious murder, she thoughtfully said: "I know of a worse murder than that and it was never found out."

Mrs. Britton says that twenty-six years ago she was employed to clean the rooms in a Cincinnati house kept by Mattie Wagner. One day she saw a federal officer in the room of a girl named Mollie. He was partially intoxicated and had a large roll of money in his hands. Next morning when Mrs. Britton went into the cellar for coal she saw the dead body of the man she had seen the day before. The landlady did not seem surprised, and giving her a number of presents urged her to be quiet or she, with the rest of the inmates of the house, would be arrested. Mrs. Britton went home and never returned to the house. She had not been in the city for years, but being brought here by a detective picked out a house on Plum street, which she said was the place.

On investigation it proved that Mattie Wagner did live there at the time named and had with her a girl named Mollie, who answers Mrs. Britton's description. The Wagner woman is dead, but a Mollie, who was in her house, has been located in Chicago, where she is doing time in the workhouse for drunkenness. There is no clue to the officer's identity, or what became of his body.

IS DYING IN PRISON.

Ice-man O'Sullivan Can Survive but a Few Hours.

JOLIET, Ill., May 2.—The condition of Patrick O'Sullivan is pronounced by the prison physicians and officials who have seen him to be about the same today as on yesterday. His sister, Mrs. Whalen, is at his side constantly, full of hope and yet racked with fears, while the physicians shake their heads dubiously and say there may be a chance for him. It is evident that the man is at death's door and can survive but a short time. He has taken the last sacrament from his confessor, Father Daniels, and whatever he confessed to him will never be known. He has made his peace with God and is awaiting the end. The hurried departure of Warden Dement to Springfield at this time is thought to be significant. The warden believes O'Sullivan is innocent and accuses the idea of a confession. It is thought that the mission of the warden to Springfield is to get O'Sullivan pardoned in time to get him home so that he may not die in prison. If this is his object, he will have to move quickly. O'Sullivan is too weak to move and refuses food. His attendants say his death is but a question of a few hours.

ALMOST DROWNED A CONVERT.

Dog Fights Interfere with a Colored Church Baptism.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 2.—Twenty-nine colored men and women were received into the Baptist church yesterday on confession of faith, and the banks of the Sakon river were crowded to witness the baptism. The pastor was immersing one of the converts and the deacons were waiting to receive the sister as she came from the water when two dogs engaged in a fight on the water's edge, just where the baptized person was to come out. The deacons forgot the pastor and grabbed the fighting dogs and threw them into the river. The dogs dropped close beside the minister and the young woman. The pastor dodged, and as he went under he lost his hold upon the girl, and she too sank out of sight. The deacons rushed in and rescued the pastor and the now thoroughly baptized sister. The dogs had all the fight taken out of them and had swam ashore long before the commotion ceased. Then the baptismal ceremony was resumed, but before the twenty-nine candidates had been immersed the proceedings had been interrupted four times by dog fights, and in each instance the dogs were thrown into the river.

STARTED BY A DRUNKARD.

Several Buildings and 500,000 Feet of Lumber Burned at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 2.—The Crane Lumber company's stable, Klocke's saloon and dwelling, Smith's dwelling and saloon, Dugan's planing mill and over five hundred thousand feet of lumber belonging to Crane & Co. were burned last night, entailing a loss of \$50,000, fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been caused by a drunken man who was seen to go into a carpenter shop and light a match. The man has not yet been found.

French Vineyards Increasing.

PARIS, May 2.—M. Conan, inspector of the French phylloxera department states that he expects that ere long France will regain her old position as a vine-growing country. He says that in thirty months the vineyards will comprise 2,500,000 hectares, which will be a larger area devoted to vine growing than at any previous period.

Challenged by De Mores.

PARIS, May 2.—It is stated that the Marquis De Mores has challenged the municipal councillor who insultingly referred to him in the course of a speech at the Salle Favie meeting yesterday.

To Wed an American Girl.

LONDON, May 2.—The announcement is made that Capt. Albert Carstairs of the Royal Irish rifles will marry Panny, the daughter of Mr. Bostwick of 400 Fifth avenue, New York.

Holiday on the Stock Exchange.

LONDON, May 2.—Today is the regular semi-annual settling day at the Bank of England and is therefore a holiday on the stock exchange.

Sir Arthur Sullivan Better.

LONDON, May 2.—Sir Arthur Sullivan, whose condition since his return from Monte Carlo has greatly alarmed his friends, is better.

FOR THE NEW RULE

Opening of the Quadrennial Conference at Omaha

A BIG GATHERING OF NOTABLES

The Delegates Number About 500—An Enormous Audience at the First Business Session.

OMAHA, Neb., May 2.—The great quadrennial Methodist conference was inaugurated Sunday afternoon by a monster mass meeting held at the exposition hall, which was crowded with people. It was presided over by Bishop Bowman, of St. Louis, the oldest bishop in the church. Mrs. Newman, wife of Bishop Newman, of Omaha, made the opening prayer, and after the usual devotional services the mission question was tackled and thoroughly discussed. Chaplain McCabe, of Chicago, delivered an interesting address, as also did Miss Baker, of Michigan, and Bishop Walden. Others participated, but did not make extended addresses. Nothing was done beyond the discussion.

The Business Session Begins.

OMAHA, Neb., May 2.—At exactly 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Bowman started to order the first business session of the twenty-first quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The immense auditorium of the Boyd theater hardly sufficed to accommodate the immense throng of delegates and visitors attracted by the meeting. It is estimated that in addition to the 500 regular delegates there are fully 4,000 visitors in attendance.

The session was opened by Scriptural reading by Bishop Newman, followed by an earnest prayer by Bishop Fox. Continuing the religious services, Dr. Lanahan, of Baltimore, read another passage from the Scriptures and the immense congregation united in an old Methodist hymn.

Permanent Organization.
 The conference then proceeded to complete its permanent organization. S. D. Monroe, of Pennsylvania, and Manley S. Hurd, of Wyoming, were the candidates for secretary. The former was elected by a nearly two-thirds majority. He chose as his assistants Manley S. Hurd and Charles Hudson, of Indiana.

SUPPRESSED THE STATEMENT.

How Ferdinand Ward Escaped Further Prosecution on Being Released.

PUTNAM, Conn., May 2.—Ferdinand Ward spent a very quiet day yesterday. He and his boy Clarence were constantly together. The ex-financier still refuses to discuss the affairs of the firm of Grant & Ward. When questioned on the subject his answer was, "I have absolutely nothing to say on the subject." He frankly admits, however, that six weeks ago he was preparing a written statement for publication, in which he would have given facts and figures showing, as he alleges, that he had been made to suffer for the sins of others as well as his own. The reason why he suddenly concluded to not do this, he would not tell. It is said, however, that the successful efforts of influential persons to arrange matters so that the federal indictments hanging over him would not be pushed induced him to remain silent.

FRENCH EXTRADITION TREATY.

The Bill Receives Very Little Attention in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The French extradition treaty was taken up by the senate in secret session this afternoon and thoroughly explained to the senate by Sherman, Morgan and other members of the committee on foreign relations. Very little interest was taken in the debate by the majority of those present, and it probably will be adopted without opposition. The objections made to most extradition treaties concerning the danger of extradition for political offenses were not forthcoming in the discussion today. The senate adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

SCHOOL BOYS STRIKE.

They Resist a Change of Principal and Barricade the School.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Five hundred school children connected with the Vaughn grammar school in Kensington went on a strike this morning because a new principal has been placed in charge of the school. They locked the gates of the school by wrapping a heavy wire about the iron posts, and it was found necessary to call in the aid of eight policemen, who finally drove the recalcitrant boys away and opened the school.

MOBBED THE UMPIRE.

An Indignant Crowd Attacks an Unpopular Umpire.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 2.—At the conclusion of this afternoon's Southern League ball game between the Birmingham and New Orleans clubs, an indignant crowd, who had hissed Umpire Wilson for his decisions, rushed on him and mobbed him. He showed fight, but was severely beaten and would have been killed had not the police protected him. The mob followed him to his hotel and threatened his life. The excitement runs high tonight.

The Queen Was Not Afraid.

MADRID, May 2.—It is the custom of the queen regent to drive nearly every day outside the city. Yesterday she drove through the city park in an open carriage without an escort, and her action did much to give courage to those who feared almost to leave the shelter of their homes.

Grand Circus at Troyes Burned.

PARIS, May 2.—The Grand circus at Troyes was set on fire yesterday, presumably by anarchists, and burned to the ground. The flames spread to and destroyed three adjacent houses. While the fire was burning a loud explosion was heard in the interior of the circus.

Reaved by Locusts.

LONDON, May 2.—Advice from South Africa shows that locusts are ravaging the country. A swarm of the insects six miles wide recently passed over a country near Grahamstown, Cape Col-

ony. They were flying seaward. The meal crop in the Orange Free State has been destroyed by the locusts.

SAILED THROUGH THE AIR.

A Kansas Cyclone Picks Up a Woman and Drops Her on a Fence.

HARTFORD, Conn., May 2.—A cyclone starting near here this evening destroyed the house and barn of William O'Donald, two miles south of town. An old lady, who was in the house was picked up and carried 100 feet and landed on a barbed fence, receiving serious injuries. The cloud lifted and passed north.

Struck by a Bolt.

LINCOLN, Ill., May 2.—Alex Molten was instantly killed by lightning here today. His wife was so badly injured that she cannot recover. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, also occupants of the house, were knocked down and paralyzed.

Yesterday's Base Ball.

National—Chicago 4, Boston 1; Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 3; St. Louis 5, Washington 10; Cincinnati-New York, wet grounds; Pittsburgh-Baltimore, rain. Western—St. Paul 12, Columbus 3; Minneapolis 5, Toledo 6.

Report of a Disaster.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 2.—Reports reached here this evening of a disaster at Cherry Run caused by the blowing away of some new trestling this afternoon. Three men are reported killed and ten injured.

Judge Shields is Dead.

FOWLERVILLE, May 2.—Judge John C. Shields died in this village at the home of his sister, Mrs. James McCarthy, on Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Harrison Improving.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Mrs. Harrison is regaining strength and this evening stated she expects to be able to leave the city at an early date.

Teddy Accepts It.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—Ted Fritchard tonight cabled an acceptance of the Olympic club's offer of a purse of \$12,000 for a meeting with Fitzsimmons September 5.

FIRE AND POLICE.

President Moore Retires—The Case of Sergeant Conlon.

At a meeting of the board of fire and police commissioners, held yesterday afternoon, the resignation of C. Berger as captain of No. 3 hook and ladder company was accepted. Stephen Rau applied for a position in the fire department and his application was placed on file. The application of I. B. Fortin, for the position of janitor at the police headquarters was placed on file.

A communication from W. Van Den Husten, applying for a position on the police force, was placed on file. The retiring president of the board, John E. More, read an extended report in which he discussed the growth and efficiency of the police force and fire department and made several valuable suggestions as to the future work of the board. The board passed a resolution expressing its regret at losing Mr. More's services. The finding of the board in the matter of Sergeant Conlon was that he be reduced to the position of patrolman for the period of three months.

LADY MACCABEES PARTY.

A Large and Enthusiastic Assemblage of Merry-makers.

The party given by the Lady Maccabees in the hall on Pearl street last evening was a decided success. It was attended by 200 couples, and the program contained some very pretty dances. The ladies feel highly elated over the success of their second effort along this line, and all who attended were well pleased with the pleasure afforded them. A pretty feature of the program was the winding of the May pole, which occurred at the introduction. The pole was erected in the center of the room and twined with bunting of seven different colors. The hall was beautifully decorated with the colors of the order.

Press Club Supper.

The next monthly supper of the Press club will be served in the Morton House. The Messrs. Pantlind have engaged to give a tempting spread, and will honor the occasion by providing tasty souvenir menu cards. It is necessary that all who contemplate being present shall give notice to the chairman for the occasion, or to Secretary Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, before Wednesday night, so that they may be reserved at the main table. Those who do not give notice will be seated at the public tables. The price will be the same as that paid at the last supper in Sweet's. It is expected that the married members will be accompanied by their wives, and the unmarried by their lady or gentlemen friends.

Apollis Quartet.

A male quartet has been organized in this city composed of promising young musicians whose reputation has extended to the border of this state. The quartet will be known as the "Apollis quartet," and is composed of the following members: E. A. Beneker, first tenor; W. H. Leomis, second tenor; J. A. Morrison, first bass; and Clarence A. Cotton, second bass. In response to an invitation from the First Presbyterian Church society of Bay City they will give their first concert at that place on the evening of May 20. Prof. Wellenstein will accompany them and will render several piano solos.

Released on Bail.

Beckmeire and Ruesonetta, the two young drug clerks who robbed their employers, White & White, appeared by counsel, who waived an examination. His honor then bound them over to appear at the present term of the superior court. Bail was fixed at \$200 each, which was furnished, and the young men were liberated. Both express an intention to make restitution.